

All Veterans Memorial in Hubbard County, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

The All Veterans Memorial Committee met at the AVM Building on Thursday, July 16, 2026. The meeting was called to order by President Everette DeCramer at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer from Phyllis DeCramer.

The meeting had 8 members present.

Everette DeCramer	Charlis Carroll	Al Deneffe	Wendy Deneffe
Gary Holk	Phyllis Decramer	Marv Vredenburg	Mac Grewe

Secretary's Report: Charlis Carroll presented the minutes from the last meeting, June 18, 2026.

Motion to accept: Gary Holk

Second motion: Al Deneffe

Motion: Passed

Treasurer's Report: Everette DeCramer presented the report.

Motion to accept: Al Deneffe

Seconded motion: Phyllis DeCramer

Motion: Passed

Communications: A thank-you message was received from Commander Vanessa of the DAVA, thanking the organization for its support and noting that the Memorial Center flag fundraiser provided her with an opportunity.

The Hammer Pit 5K Run notified the organization by email that they are donating \$3,000. The check has not yet been received. The sender stated that it was mailed approximately two weeks ago, and the group is working to determine where it is.

The Chamber provided a check related to the flyover fundraiser and included a list of individuals who donated. Members discussed whether thank-you notes should be sent to the ten donors individually or whether a public thank-you should be placed in the paper later in the year to recognize all sponsors.

A thank-you note has already been written to Park Rapids Supply for their donation.

Old Business:

Marv reported on the helicopter project. The helicopter had already been pulled out and was moved elsewhere. Members discussed options for viewing and noted that future similar projects may require additional steps to move more quickly.

The sign ordered the previous month is still pending. The vendor reported being a couple of weeks behind, and the sign may be available the following week.

New Business:

The farmers market booth was discussed. Although conditions were windy and hot, members reported meeting many people and making useful contacts.

The museum volunteer schedule was reviewed. There are currently no volunteers scheduled for the upcoming Saturday or the following Saturday. Members were asked to check their calendars.

A possible dinner fundraiser with the Sons of the American Legion was discussed. The idea received support, and the event would likely take place after Labor Day. Volunteers would be needed, and the Sons of the American Legion may assist with the meal.

Membership and Outreach

Membership and fundraising were reported to be going well. Members noted that the organization has grown significantly from a small group and is moving in a positive direction.

Members discussed the value of attending city, American Legion, and farmers market events to promote the museum. Several visitors have expressed interest but could not attend during regular open hours. Members also discussed creating updated business cards once contact information is finalized.

Fourth of July and Flyover

Members discussed the Fourth of July parade and flyover. The flyover was visible from the museum area, and members noted that photos may have been possible from the site. It was discussed that the flyover may have been connected to the 250th celebration and may not occur every year.

Announcements

Gary Holk requested prayers for grandson Stephen Crook of Apple Valley, who suffered cardiac arrest and is currently in the ICU.

At 7:00 PM, the Walker American Legion Riders visited with us at the museum for approximately 30 minutes. Their visit was part of their weekly ride and provided a welcome opportunity to connect, share conversation, and highlight the museum's role in the community.

Next Meeting will be held at the AVM Building Thursday Aug 20th, 2026

Motion to adjourn: Wenndy Deneffe

Seconded motion: Gary Holk

Motion: Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Charlis Carroll, Secretary